

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE August 4, 2022 — MINUTES

Council Members Present

Mary Durham, Council Chair
Ronnie Browning
Debbie Carlisle
Bill Coorsh
Gladys Cortez
Kyle Cox
Maverick Crawford, III
Andrew Crim
Ivy Goldstein, DSHS
Sean Jackson, DRTX
Juan Carlos Lopez
Scott McAvoy
Amanda Miles
Meagan Orsag, Texas A&M
CDD
Angie Panzica
Michael Peace
Holly Riley, HHSC/Older
Americans Act
Robert Schier III
Eric Shahid
Meridith Silcox
Lora Taylor
Jamie Thomas
Kim Torres

Dana Williamson,
HHSC/Medicaid
Nina Zuna, TCDS

Council Members Absent

Justin Porter, TEA
Sara Kendall, TWC

Guests Present

Janice Baines
Floyd Browning
Austin Carlisle
Consuelo Castillo
Joe Gagen
Linda Litzinger
Curtis Rutherford
Ryan Siedhoff
Kathy Williams
Judy Zavalla

Regional Coordinators Present

Morgan Bradley

Erin Fogarty
Rosa Guel
Canen Melton
Skyler Mueller

Staff Present

Beth Stalvey, Executive
Director
Kai Brewer
Scott Daigle
Lauren Gerken
Sabrina Gonzalez
Genessee Klemm
Le Lien
Linda Logan
Evan Marczynski
Sylvia Medina
Richard Rendon
Fernando Rodriguez
Mary Rochford
Melanie Teague
Brianna TenBrink
Rey Valldejuli
Koren Vogel

Call to Order

The Committee of the Whole of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Wednesday, August 4, 2022, at the Embassy Suites Austin Central, 5901 North IH 35, Austin, TX 78723 as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. Council Chair Mary Durham called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

1. **Introductions**

Council members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

2. **Public Comments**

The Committee of the Whole received public comments from Linda Litzinger regarding attendant wages for services provided through Medicaid Waiver Services.

3. **Council Member Networking**

Council members participated in activities designed to encourage communication about disability advocacy.

4. **Legislative Advocacy Training**

TCDD Public Policy Director Scott Daigle introduced Teri Avery, Committee Clerk for the House Committee on Public Health who discussed procedures, and protocol for providing testimony before Texas House of Representatives legislative committee.

Former Council Member Molly Spratt, Husch Blackwell Strategies and former Chief of Staff to Texas Senator Joan Huffman, provided guidance for interacting with Senate staff and committees.

Legislative Grassroots Trainer Joe Gagen provided the second part of his presentation on Effective Legislative Communications. Gagen provided guidance for concise testimony including an introduction, statement of purpose or problem, statement of reasons for providing testimony or personal story, and recommendation for action. Gagen provided video examples of effective testimony.

Council member Ronnie Browning shared his experience providing testimony at the Capitol on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

Adjourn

Council Chair Durham adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 12:15 p.m.

Beth Stalvey, Secretary to the Council Date